

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/689,615

Filing Date: October 13, 2000

First Named Inventor: Richard A. ESSER

Group Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: S. Castellano..

Attorney Docket Number: 004350.0012-00000

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [Date] _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply and Appendix
- ii. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$370.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (1 Month) \$55.00
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$425.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Director is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2001, the period for response being extended one month through March 29, 2002, by the attached petition and requisite fee, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination and this submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. In this submission, Applicants respectfully request that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, and 20, and add new claims 22-28 as follows:

C1 sub DP 1. A rapid deploy containment device adapted to receive and retain hazardous waste, the containment device being moveable between an erect open configuration and a collapsed compact configuration, the containment device in the open configuration forming a receptacle, the containment device comprising:

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